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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: WINNIPEG BALLET TRAVEL TO CUBA

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1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CADIEUX CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN APRIL 29 TO ELICIT US VIEWS ON POSSIBLE CANADIAN ACTIONS TO ALLOW 23 US MEMBERS OF WINNIPEG ROYAL BALLET TO TRAVEL TO CUBA. NOTING THAT US HAD NOT AGREED TO VALIDATE PASSPORTS OF US MEMBERS FOR SUCH TRAVEL, GOC WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER USG WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS IF US MEMBERS WERE PERMITTED INTO CUBA WITHOUT CUBAN VISAS OR WITH VISA ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT RATHER THAN IN PASSPORT. CADIEUX ALSO SOUGHT ASSURANCES THAT SUCH TRAVEL BY US MEMBERS TO CUBA WOULD NOT BE HELD AGAINST THEM IN FUTURE BY USG.

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2. SHLAUDEMAN SAID THAT US FEDERAL REGULATIONS APPLY ONLY

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TO THE USE OF OUR PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA. IT IS USG POLICY TO DISCOURAGE TRAVEL TO CUBA, BUT SUCH TRAVEL IN AND OF ITSELF IS NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW OR REGULATION. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SHLAUDEMAN NOTED, EITHER OF THE SOLUTIONS INDICATED BY THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE WORKABLE. SHLAUDEMAN ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO BLACKLISTING OR

OTHER ACTION TAKEN AGAINST U.S. CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE

BALLET WHO TRAVELED TO CUBA WITHOUT USING THEIR PASS-PORTS.

3. CADIEUX INDICATED THAT GOC WOULD PROBABLY PURSUE ONE OF COURSES OF ACTION DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WOULD KEEP US GOVERNMENT INFORMED OF OUTCOME. RUSH

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